## The Dome - - - November 2021

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This month, Thanksgiving will be celebrated, hopefully with a few friends in person. This has led me to wonder about who we will have seated with us around our tables. What types of conversations will we have, what type of food will we serve? Will we watch football on the TV? Will this be a time of togetherness, or will there be the inevitable family drama, fight and separation?

One lesson many of us have learned from this pandemic is just how disconnected we have been and the value of being physically present together. While it remains challenging to get together safely during a pandemic, it also remains important that we strive to find ways to make it work. We need each other.

The rabbis knew this when Rabbi Chanina taught: "I have learned much from my teachers. I've learned even more from my friends... "(Babylonian Talmud, Taanit 7a)

The rabbis taught that when we engage with our friends and family, we do not just learn from them, we celebrate life and find enjoyment with them. In many ways friends teach us more than a Rav; they mirror to us who we are. They encourage us to grow into our highest selves. Our friends teach us more than simply the words on the page

of Torah. They teach us to make meaning of our lives.

Modern research teaches us that our friends impact our health. This is not the ones we meet on Facebook whom we never engage with, rather those who we engage with regularly via phone and in-person. We need 3-5 close friends according to evolutionary psychologist, Robin Dunbar. Researchers have also learned that engaging with friends is more important than quitting smoking or even exercise. Friends are unique in our lives, they are the people we gravitate toward, the people we encounter by choice. Sociologist Gerald Mollenhorst learned that over time we will change about half of our friends on average every seven years. We will rotate through them as our inner selves evolve. Mollenhorst learned that friendships evolve as we evolve. Sometimes they evolve toward a conclusion and sometimes toward something even richer and deeper. As we engage in those friendships, perhaps the following words can inspire us to develope new friends:

Avot d'Rabbi Nassan: "How does one acquire a friend? A person should acquire a friend for himself by eating and drinking with him by studying *Torah* and debating with him, by lodging with him, by sharing private thoughts with him, thoughts regarding Torah and life. And when they debate matters of *Torah* and importance, his friend will respond to him, and thus the bonds of friendship and truth will be strengthened."

As we gather this Thanksgiving, may your table be full of new and old friends. May we remember to take an opportunity to express our gratitude for their presence in our lives. May we also remember how to be a friend both to ourselves and those around us.

Rabbi Elizabeth Bahar



#### President's Message

AHHH... NOVEMBER. Fall is in the air, and winter won't be far behind. November brings two meaningful holidays. First is Veteran's Day. On behalf of a grateful congregation and a veteran myself, I offer thanks to all of our members who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces.

Then of course comes Thanksgiving ... a joyful holiday filled with tantalizing and plentiful delights, families gathering to share precious time and memories, and last-minute Chanukah shopping (yes, last minute, because Chanukah starts just four days after Thanksgiving). With all the happiness in the air, we have historically participated in our Thanksgiving Interfaith Prayer Service with Mulberry Street United Methodist Church and St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Sadly, the pandemic kept us from meeting together last year. But we all know that when we want something bad enough, we find a way. So, this year we will meet at Rosa Parks Square (corner of 1st and Poplar) on Sunday, November 21st at 2 PM. Please bring your chair and a non-perishable food item.

In between these two holidays, on November 14th at 2PM, we will have an installation ceremony for Rabbi Bahar. This should have been done upon her arrival but because of COVID it was not possible. Please put this on your calendar and join us for this important ceremony.

We are still in need of a Membership Chairperson. New members are vitally important to the growth of our congregation. With so much going on, I am concerned that inquiries for membership are slipping through the cracks. We need someone that will respond to the inquiries, send out membership applications, and notify the board when we have an application to approve.

As I write this article, we are still meeting remotely. Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will be meeting again in person. Some of our members have already gotten a COVID booster vaccination. I am just waiting for Moderna's booster to be approved. When we reopen there will be safeguards in place to protect us all. Masks and proof of vaccination will be required. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in this.

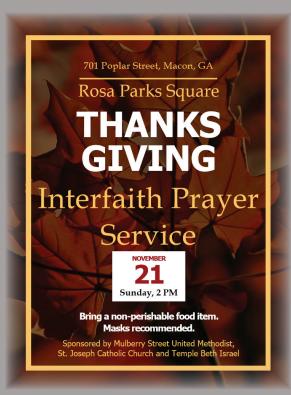
We at TBI have so much to be thankful for. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

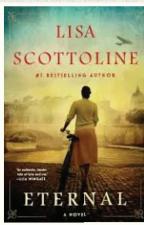
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# CLUB

Sunday, Nov 28th 1:00 PM

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# Gift Shop News

However with Chanukah fast approaching, we will have some days where the Gift Shop will be open for your shopping convenience: 11am - 2pm

As Always the Gift Shop is by appointment only.

Friday - November 12th

**Sunday - November 21st** 

**Sunday - November 14th** 

Friday - December 10th

Friday - November 19th

**Sunday - December 12th** 

















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# November Birthdays

We congratulate the following for their birthdays this month

4th Lisa Newman Jonathan Hoffman 9th **Nancy Rosenberg** 9th

Mike Bashuk 10th

Elayna Mizell 10th

Simon Becker 14th

Mike Bullington 16th

Joe Bennie Johnson 16th

Cameron Bullington 17th

Porter Bullington 17th

Jeffrey Fried 17th

Juan Lleras 29th



## November Anniversaries

We congratulate the following anniversaries this month

4th **Guy & Valerie Fried** 

Steven & Mamie Vogel 10<sup>th</sup>

Stephen & Nancy Rosenberg 19<sup>th</sup>

> Juan & Martha Lleras 29th

### November 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5 5:15 PM KIDDUSH CLUB 6:30 PM KABBALAT SHABBAT	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 5:15 PM KIDDUSH CLUB 6:30 PM KABBALAT SHABBAT	13 10AM FAMILY FUN GAME
14 2PM RABBI BAHAR'S NSTALATION	15	16	17	18	19 5:15 PM KIDDUSH CLUB 6:30 PM KABBALAT SHABBAT	20
21 2PM INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE ROSE PARKS SQUARE	22	23	24	25 THANKSGIVING	5915 PM KIDDUSH CLUB 6:30 PM KABBALAT SHABBAT	27
28	29	30				











We remember the following on Shabbat

October 30 Sabbath of Observance (Oct. 30 - Nov. 5)

Carrie Becker

11-01-2003

Katie Elkan

11-02-1926

Sidney Esner

11-02-2010

Henry Baker

11-04-1980

Elberta Bernd Bloch

11-04-1945

Saul H. Dayan

11-04-1982

J. Robert Peck

11-04-1946

We remember the following on Shabbat

November 6 Sabbath of Observance (November 6-12)

Judy (Julia Edna) Ford Lubel

11-07-1995

Ruth Levy

11-09-1980

Morris Putzel

11-09-1937

**Emile Sommer** 

11-10-1909

We remember the following on Shabbat

November 13 Sabbath of Observace (November 13-19)

Mark Donner

11-13-1977

Jacob R. Fried

11-13-1977

Harriet Sherman

11-14-2010

Dr. Richard Wayburn

11-14-2005

Arnold Dayan

11-15-1969

Theresa W. Efron

11-15-1989

Eli Elkan

11-15-1946

Herman Moser

11-15-1901

Sarah Reed

11-16-1983

Sam Guthman, Jr.

11-17-1940

Steven Strachman

11-18-2017

We remember the following on Shabbat

November 19 Sabbath of Observace (November 20-26)

Clarice Guthman Dolle

11-20-1929

Reuben Mink

11-20-1968

Alvin Koplin

11-21-2011

Carolyn Peggy Popper

11-23-1992

Maurice Dayan

11-24-2000

Alma Moser Happ

11-24-1972

Rose Oxman

11-24-1963

**Harry Fried** 11-26-1942

We remember the following on Shabbat November 27 Sabbath of Observace (Nov.27 - Dec. 13)

Laurence J. Bernd

11-28-1943

Arthur Schlesinger

11-28-2005



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